LSHS (for general use) and Bitumen has been reduced from 20% to 10% from 1.3.2005. Simultaneously, the customs duty on crude has been reduced from 10% to 5%. The excise duty on petrol has been revised from 23% plus Rs. 7.50 per litre to 8% plus Rs. 13.00 per litre and on diesel from 8% plus Rs. 1.50 per litre to 8% plus Rs. 3.25 per litre.

- Sharing of losses of the OMC's on domestic LPG and PDS kerosene with the upstream companies namely ONGC, Oil and GAIL.
- In the Union Budget 2006-07, the Government categorised domestic LPG as 'declared goods' under Sales Tax Act. This will reduce the sales tax/VAT levied by States to 4%. This is also expected to marginally reduce the under-recoveries of oil marketing companies without increasing retail selling prices of domestic LPG.
- In view of losses/under-recoveries suffered by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in marketing LPG (domestic) and PDS Kerosene, during the financial year 2005-06, the Government has issued Bonds worth Rs. 11,500 crores to OMCs.

ONGC's Training institute at Goa

4046. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has a training institute in Goa;

(b) if so, the activities undertaken by it;

(c) the number of personnel trained so far;

(d) the nature of courses conducted; and

(e) the details of specific achievements, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) ONGC has a training Institute namely Institute of Petroleum Safety Health & Environment Management (IPSHEM) at Betul, South Goa.

(b) The main activities undertaken by this Institute are as follows:—

(i) Imparting training, both theoretical and practical in the area of Occupational Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Management in upstream Petroleum sector, mainly to ONGC Personnel.

(ii) Undertaken consultancy projects *i.e.* Safety Audits, Emergency Response Plans and Disaster Management Plans of ONGC installations and Environmental consultancies-Baseline studies, Environmental Impact Assessment studies, Environmental monitoring studies and preparation of Oil Spill Contingency Plans.

(iii) Functioning in an Advisory Capacity and conducting workshops, Seminars in HSE areas.

(c) So far, ONGC has imparted training to 19,294 personnel as on 10.05.2006 in various courses.

(d) The courses conducted pertain to theoretical and practical courses on HSE management which are categorized as Basic Courses. In addition the Institute conducts Advanced Courses and Accredited Courses, including tailor-made courses suited to customer needs.

(e) Details of specific achievements are as follows:—

(i) IPSHEM has been developed as a role model of international standard having state-of-the art HSE training facilities under one roof including a modern Sea Survival Training Vessel exclusively for offshore personnel.

(ii) Trained more than 19,000 personnel.

(iii) IPSHEM faculty has been deputed to countries like Qatar, Sudan for imparting advanced training modules to personnel engaged in E&P activities.

(iv) IPSHEM has also trained personnel of other E&P companies like Cairn Energy, British Gas India etc. in HSE areas.

(v) Carried out Environment Impact Assessment studies for Petronet LNG project at Dahej.

(vi) Carried out Offshore environmental monitoring studies for western Offshore installations of ONGC including other E&P operators M/s British Gas and Cairn Energy.

(vii) Prepared Oil Spill Response Contingency Plan for M/s Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

Asset Offices in Gujarat

4047. SHRI PARVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of asset office in Gujarat.

(b) the number of primary schools which are run within the ONGC colonies in Gujarat; and

(c) how many shop establishment are provided to business men on retail basis, asset-wise in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) There are three Asset Offices of ONGC in Gujarat.

(b) There are 7 primary schools run within the ONGC Colonies in Gujarat. In addition there are 6 Primary sections of Kendriya Vidyalaya within the ONGC campus.

(c) There are 74 retail shops being run by small businessmen in the ONGC colonies in Gujarat, an asset-wise list of which is placed at enclosed Statement.

Statement

Shop establishments provided by ONGC in Gujarat

Sl.	Location No.	Number of Shop Establishments
1.	Ahmedabad	17
2.	Ankleshwar	08
3.	Baroda	12
4.	Cambay	05
5.	Hazira	12
6.	Mehsana	20